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WASHINGTON - THE BOSTON GLOBE HAS LEARNED FROM RANKING AMERICAN SOURCES THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE ARGENTINE SEIZURE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ON APRIL 2; THE SOVIET UNION LAUNCHED A SPECIAL ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE SPY SATELLITE OVER THE SOUTH ATLANTIC THAT HAS BEEN BEAMING DATA TO BUENOS AIRES EVER SINCE.

SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG; IN READING A STATEMENT TO REPORTERS ABOUT HE RENEWED SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WHICH IS TAKING HIM AGAIN TO BUENOS AIRES; INSISTED WEDNESDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT PROVIDED HELP TO THE BRITISH ''BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CUSTOMARY PATTERNS OF COOPERATION BASED ON EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.''

NUMEROUS PRESS REPORTS HAVE TALKED OF U.S. PROVISION OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS; ACCESS TO COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES AND NAVAL AND AIR SUPPORT AT ASCENSION ISLAND. THE ISSUE OF WHO IS HELPING WHOM IN THE BUDDING SHOWDOWN HAS BEEN AN INCREASINGLY SENSITIVE ONE IN RECENT DAYS.

AFTER BEING BRIEFED BY HAIG AT THE WHITE HOUSE; PRESIDENT REAGAN TOLD REPORTERS WEDNESDAY THAT IT IT HAD BEEN ''REPORTED; AND EVIDENTLY ESTABLISHED'' THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE PROVIDING THE ARGENTINES WITH INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH NAVAL FLOTILLA TOWARD THE FALKLANDS. ''I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM BUTT OUT;'' THE PRESIDENT SAID OF THE SOVIETS. IT WASN'T CLEAR IF HE WAS REFERRING ONLY TO PRESS REPORTS.

EARLIER; IN A TELEVISON INTERVIEW; ARGENTINA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES; ESTEBAN TAKACS; DENIED RECEIVING ANY HELP. ''THERE IS NO MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND ARGENTINA;'' HE SAID -''NONE AT ALL.''

HOWEVER; SENIOR OFFICIALS TOLD THE GLOBE THAT THE SOVIETS LAUNCHED A SPECIAL SPY SATELLITE OVER THE AREA FOLLOWING THE INVASION AND HAVE BEEN PROVIDING INFORMATION FROM IT TO BUENOS AIRES. IT IS QUITE COMMON IN A CRISIS IN WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST FOR THEM TO LAUNCH A SPY SATELLITE OVER THE AREA; THE SOURCES SAID.

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THE SAME OFFICIALS CONCEDED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE BRITISH; BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT HAS ALL BEEN PART OF LONG-ESTABLISHED COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE; THE UNITED STATES U.S. AND BRITAIN MAINTAIN SOME VERY SENSITIVE JOINT INTELLIGENCE FACILITIES WHOSE INFORMATION IS ROUTINELY SHARED. ''OUR PEOPLE SIT SIDE BY SIDE; DAY IN AND DAY OUT;'' ONE SOURCE SAID. ''DO WE SUDDENLY SHUT DOWN SUCH NORMAL OPERATIONS OR CONTINUE?''

SIMILARLY; THE SOURCES NOTED THAT THE SUBMARINE SERVICES OF THE TWO NATIONS WORK EXTREMELY CLOSELY TOGETHER. ''THEIRS IS PRACTICALLY AN ADJUNCT OF OURS;'' ONE OFFICER SAID. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL; THEREFORE; THE SOURCES SAID; FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PERMIT THE BRITISH ACCESS TO AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES TO TALK WITH THEIR SUBMARINES SUBS AT SEA.

HAIG HINTED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD TURNED DOWN REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ABOVE AND BEYOND SUCH COOPERATION. ''THE UNITED STATES HAS... NOT ACCEDED TO REQUESTS THAT WOULD GO BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CUSTOMARY PATTERNS OF COOPERATION BASED ON EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR STAND WHILE OUR (DIPLOMATIC) EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY.''

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